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IN TOWN

I have a friend arrow the street, We never yet exchanged a word, I am a woman-be a bird.

And here we twain in extle dwell Far from native woods and skies, And dewy lawns with healthfut smell

Never again from mess-ball nest, Shall the eaged woodlark bittlely soar Never again the heath be pressed, By foot of mine for evermore IV. Yet from that feathered, quivering throat, A libersing wins across to me: No thrall can hold that mellow note,

When morning dawns in boly calm. And each true heart to worship calls.

Mine is the prayer, but his the psalin,
That floats about our prison walls.

And as behind the thwarting wire The captive creature throbs and sings, With him my mounting soul aspires,

On Muste's strong and cleaving wings

My chains fall off, the prison gates Fly open, as with magte key: And far from life's perplaying straits, My spirit wanders, swift and free.

VIII. Back to the heather, breathing deep The fragrance of the mountain breez I hear the wind's melodious sweep, Through tossing boughs of ancient trees.

Beneath a porch where roses climb, I stand as I was used to stand, Where cattle-bells with drowsy chime Make music in the quiet land.

Fast fades the dream in distance dim, Tears rouse me with a sudden shock; Lo! at my door, erect and trim, The postman gives his double knock

Arises with confusing hum, And whistling shrill of butchers' boys: My day begins, my bird is dumb.

— Temple Bar.

### THE MAD ACROBAT.

"You see, sir," began the acrobat, "my father was a hawker over in Lambeth March. I never knew my mother, because she died when I was quite young. I don't know how when I was quite young. I don't know how it was I learned tumbling. The first thing I can remember is standing on my head close to a Westminster bridge, and a gentleman going by giving me a shilling. 'Now, my boy,' the gentleman said, 'do that again,' which I did. 'Now,' said he 'spring!' which I did, and came on my feet again. 'Good boy!' said he, and he patted me on the head. That gentleman six, was the he head. That gentleman, sir, was the

great Mr. Ducrow.
"Well, sir, al gourse, after such encouragement from such a man # tumbler I be-came. I spared neither pains nor trouble, and practiced till I became master of my art ead of my profession. "About seven years ago I first met James Ranford, 5]so in my line, and he proposed to me that we should work together. I con-

sented, and we traveled about and exhibited at town halls under the name of 'The Two Pozcari-the Spineless Siamese Twins of "Ranford had 4 wife and child, so it fell harder upon him. I was roscel to lend him what little I could spare, for I could not see a young woman and a little baby go without while I had it.

"Well, things got from bad to worse, and

near London, where there was a grand gala-night prery week, on which occasion a balnight merry week, on which occasion a bal-loon ascended. I scraped acquaintance with the zeropaut, and one evening I went up with him, and there in the clouds the idea flashed upon me what a splendid feature in the programme it would be: 'Perilous per-formance of the Two Poscari Brothers, who will go through their inimitable evolutions

on a slack wire suspended from a balloon floating thousands of yards above the surface of the earth!!! of the earth!!!'

"As soon as I reached the ground I went to Ranford, who first laughed at the notion and then agreed to it. The proprietor of the gardene asked us to name our terms. We did so. He tried to beat us down, but at last consented, and went up and did it!

"Our performance cave great satisfaction."

"Our performance gave great satisfaction, and was favorably noticed in the daily and weekly papers. We were told that the act that thrilled the audience most was the last one we performed before descending. Ranord, who was a heavier man than I, hung from the rope with his head downward; then, taking hold of both his hands with both mine, I swung by their support, 444 then, by way of climax I let go my left hand, and hung on only by my right. I never felt the least fear. We knew each other's grip, and it was all right. At first the aeronaut went up with us; but after a few times were able to manage for ourselves so well that, had an accident happened to one of us, the other

could have got safely to the ground.

"We were earning a great deal of money,
but I noticed that Mrs. Ranford looked paler
and more care-worn every day, and I knew how her husband was conducting himself by that. She often told me that she wished they were poor again, as he had been much kinder in those times. "One night—I shall never forget—I was

returning from the gardens, and as I passed the door of Egyford's lodgings, little Evelina's nurse ran to me and said "" For Heaven's sake, sir, go in. Master and missus have had a dreadful quarrel, and

missus is going to kill herself."
"I ran into the house; I found the parlor door open. Mrs. Ranford was in the room alone; her back was toward me, but I could see her face in the large looking-glass that stood over the chimney-piece. She had a razor in her hand, and was about to use it on herself when she cannot this reflection of my face in

"I exposulated and tried to reason with him, but he apply made me jeering replies, such as 'Oh, I understand—better than you think for!' 'I'm not a fool!' 'I have go! eyes, and can see!' and so on, and I left the house with a heavy heart.

"Next day the nurse girl told me that Ranford was jealous, and that he and his wife had quarreled about me. We ascended that night. He never spoke to me, nor I to him. We both twirled and tumbled up in the air without exchanging a word! When we got down I left inclined to give him a good three threshing for his unjust suspicions; but I kept my temper for the sake of the poor woman, and so we went on for eight or ten days.

Indian village lies just below, and in odor and as advanced in the most revolting and in advanced in the most revolting and in dor and as spect is one of the most revolting and disgusting sights imaginable. We have have hard all. You shall have the privilege of enjoying 2 [jtle of the fragrance yourself.'

Stepping lighty to a manile, the fair traving resembling a miniature cance, saying:

"This has undergone repeated washings and scrapings since it came into our possession, but the delectable perfume of that first and love afte own wicked will ai her liberty.

The interviewer bowed his face over the own wicked will ai her liberty.

She was taken to troupe: her vocation by a powerful and indescribable aroma.

days.

"Our next ascent took place on the grand gala night of the United Order of Ancient Toyopholites. It was a still summer night, without a breath of wind. We ascended till the gardens and the streets and the churches looked like Dutch toys, and then got out

upon the rope.

As I took my seat beside Ranford I noticed that he had been drinking more than usual. He had lately taken to an odd way of shuling his eyes, and smiling with his lips tightly pressed together, and what with his lightly pressed together, and what with his knit brows, white tights, spangled tranks, mosquitoes, and their coal-black faces, taken and the bit of ribbon round his head, with a in conjunction with their singular hair, paste star in the centre, he looked, as he sat which has been faded by the sunlight to a

his two hands, the thought came into my head, if he should not hold on! At the same moment that I let go with my right, I heard his voice above me.

""Kerr," he said, are you guilty or not?"

"The Indians have threatened to revolt lately, but the Jamestown lies anchored there with her guns bearing straight down on the village, and no apprehensions are entertained of the courage of the savages waxing sogreat

his other in such a position that I could not eatch it, but swong entirely at his mercy.

"I leaped to reach the rope with my feet, and so hang by my heels, but I failed. I shut my eyes, and prayed Heaven to forgive verted over me. I though what a time I should be falling. I knew how slowly the sand sank from the car, and what a long, long time I should be dying ere I reached the earth.

"I found strength to speak. Ranford,' I said, ' you are mistaken. ' You lie!' be answered.

"'If you let go my hand you are a mu erer. There will be an inquest." ' 1 don't care.' " It is known that there was ill-blood

"A wife cannot give evidence against try, "River boats run up the river from For her husband!

struck him, and knocked him into the tottom of the car, where he lay, growling and
swearing, till we came to earth. Next morning I called on the proprietor of the gardens,
and told him all. To my intense astonishment he flatly refused to cancel our engage-

ook the train, and went over to see him. lined with him, and at 7 o'clock we went together to the circus. Lounging near the entrance I saw Ranford. He was considerably altered—thinner, and, if possible, more by ice fields."

evil-eyed than ever.
"I entered the circus, and was accomdated with a seat in the orchestra. I could not help thinking of my old partner, and a strange they had left behind.—S. F. Chronicle. nervousness came upon me, as if somethin was about to happen; but the feeling were off when Ranford came into the ring. The audience applanded loudly, for he had thrown a treble somerset twice before, and was a

favorite in consequence. I saw that he was not sober, and I noticed that he had the same little star upon his forehead that he wore the last time we made an ascent together. While the grooms were altering the springboard he walked up to the orchestra, and, with the old demoniac smile upon his face, said to me:
"'You can't keep away, then, can you

You will come!'
"'Ranford,' I whispered, 'you're yourself to night; take my advice—don't throw the treble! "He swore an eath, and then burst into a

'fail when you're here! III-youp—la!'
"He ran on the springboard. He got the spring, and over he went—once, twice. My heart rose in my month, for I saw that he had not room to turn a third time. His head came down with a horrible thud among the tan and sawdust, and he lay in the ring doubled up and dead!
"Ranford hardly left a pound behind him

I gave the widow an address that would algiven that way—and, I am sorry to say, he used to heat his wife. Sometimes my blood has boiled and I have walked away for fear that ever—when—If she wanted—that is, when-

often sent to her. I don't know how it came about, from the moment that we took the ladian name, Ranford and I began to do well, but I am sorry to say that our good luck only caused my partner to drink the harder, and, in consequence, to behave the more badly to his wife.

"At last we got an engagement at a garden"

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"The first the very woman area beauty she is "The beauty she is "This favorite of the illustrious huntress has a delicious thoroughbred form. Her head the said of it:

"It is the lasty whom her lover bade is greening."

BEAUTIFUL ALASKA.

The Sun Setting Late at Night—Voyaging Among a Thousand Isles—Immense Ginciers—A Land of Pageantries and Wonders.
Surfeits I with the hollow pleasures of sea-

one of the members of the party gave a graphic account of its incidents in an interview with a Chronicle reporter.

"We took passage on the steamer State of California," she said. "At Portland we deviated a little from the ordinary route, running up the Columbia riyer to the Dalles. The beautiful scenery we found there was a surprise and a delight to us all, and, speaking with it freshly pictured upon my mind, I feel like saying that it is worth a dozen Yosemites. At one point we saw nine water falls, some of them very large and falling from a lofty height. We left Port Townsend on the 1st of light. The voyage north from this point is exceedingly intergiling. I think the general impression among those who have not taken the trip is that the course lies over an open sea. In reality it is almost wholly an inland voyage, for the northern coast is flanked with a succession of islands,

wholly an inland voyage, for the northern coast is flanked with a succession of islands, and the steamer passes between these and the mainland. The voyager is therefore rarely out of sight of land, and the scenic effects on either hand are sometimes of marvelous beauty. Some of the islands are richly wooded, while others show broad patches of meadow land or wild and rugged rocks. The scenery on the mainland is equally picturesque and diversified. The channel in many places is narrower than the Columbia river and requires the most careful pilotage to make the passage safely. We like the seands costly presents to the young Elise, who cannot be so old as the Archduchess (Gisila. pilotage to make the passage safely. We passed through Grenville channel, where the

by a powerful and indescribable aroma. There was a hint of Limburger cheese, a suggestion of carrion, a scent like a Chinese fish narket, a reminder of the odors of Butchertown mingled with an intangible something that told of fifthy huts, dirty food, and an approach providing that told of the control of nnwashed population.
"Is the general appearance of the natives

prepossessing?'
They are quite in harmony with their abodes—unclean, ignorant, and dissolution the control of them smear their faces with a kind of lampblack, to keep off the swinging backward and forward in the air, more like an evil being than a man.

"We went through our performance, all but the last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick is a last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick is a last trick is a last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick. As I was swinging from the last trick is a last trick is a

in about the same latitude as Edinburgh, and Don Juan, a hunter for which she had paid the pure invigorating air is compared by a fancy price to Count Batthyany's stud travelers to that of the Scottish Highlands. groom, and then Lord Byron, worth 800 The most noticeable feature to us, accustomed to a more equal division of time in southern me. Every act of my past life rashed through my brain; at the same time I was perfectly conscious of everything about me—the blue sky, the quiet evening, the rope, the blue sky, the quiet evening, the rope, the blue sky, the quiet evening, the rope, the grantine the sun went down with the most bettom of the car, and Ranford's head in glorious pageant of clouds I over saw. Then cosuced the long, strange twilight. At 11 I county Meath will, in all likelihood, have the private of science of the fine print of a new-paper distinctly, and I went meekly to bed. The officers of the Jamestown say that the winter is much more trying to one unaccus.

A Legend of the Rhine.

tomed to the country. On the shortest days the sun rises about 10 o'clock and sets at 3 viving them good long evenings,"
"Did you visit the glaciers !" "It is unkind to make us tell of that. That portion of our trip was a bit of experience so rare and choice and unique that we between us, I continued. You may be meant to keep it all to ourselves. Besides, hanged. Your wife will say how jealous it is impossible to describe adequately the wonders and beauties of the Stickeen coun-

"I knew the next moment I should be Wrangel, making a trip of forty miles and falling through the air. A spasm shot to my heart. I fancied I saw the bottom of the car rising from me. I felt the grasp of his fingers loosen! With the energy and strength of desperation, I leaped up and caught his wrist with my disengaged hand. I clumbed up his body, I know not how, till glacier is sixty miles long, and although ap-I reached the perch, and thence into the car, where I lay panting for breath, and tremsays it has a dual existence, one of its under where I lay panting for breath, and trembling like a hare.

"He soon followed me, 'I frightened you, didn't I? he said. 'You don't suppose I meant it, do you?

"I made no answer, but prepared for the descent. While arranging the cordage our hands met. I could not bear his touch. I struck him, and knocked him into the bottom of the car, where he lay crowling and the same of the car, where he lay crowling and the same of the

ment, and so I broke it myself. I got an engagement at Glasgow, and left Loudon without seeing either Ranford or his unfortunate wife and child.

"Two years passed away, during which I "Two years passed away, during which I in the deep cracks, and beheld instead fairy heard but little of my late partner. While I was performing at Manchester I heard of an old friend of mine, of the name of Coobie, being at a circus in a neighboring town. heard them, after what seemed a long time, splash in the subterranean stream. We left them regretfully, and passed back down the

The party returned to San Francisco after an absence of five weeks, finding the weather cooler at home than in the northern country

A CIRCUS GIRL.

Romantic Story of Elise of the Paris Hippodrome-The Empress of Austria Befriends the Dashing Young Equestrienne — A "Delicious Thoroughbred Form" and "Eyes Fiery, Eager, and Sincere."

Fashion has in Paris, says the London Fruth, whirled off from the Theatre Français with which it is getting out of conceit, to the Hippodromo. It first went there to see whether Elise merits the admiration and al-most sisterly affection of her crowned namesake, the Empress of Austria. Fashion having seen, has become enslaved. Elise's points were apparent to all beholders at the circus, but to judge of those qualities which win for her imperial friendship of a close and gushing character, the fickle divinity ond laugh.

"'You want me to fail, do you?' he said, was obliged to follow the pretty equestrian to her lodgings, and knock there for admit to her lodgings, and knock there for admit ance. Klise is almost the replica of "Rliza-beth," or rather "Rlizabeth" of Elise, for the latter to the former is as an oil to water-color painting. The circus girl is tal and slender, flexile as a birch tree, and has a vocation for her profession. She is not a slave of the toilette, abhors falbalas, and has her dresses made like riding-habits. A voman traveling with her dressmakes for used to hear his wife. Sometimes my blood has believe my blood has boiled and I have walked away for fear that I should interfere. However, I used to cheer up the missus as well as I could and nurse the little girl, and they both grew to like me very much.

"Well, from the moment that we took the Italian wans. Ranford and I hegan took the Italian wans. Ranford and I hegan took the Italian wans. Ranford and I hegan took the about, but after a long correspondence and a labout, but after a long correspondence and a labout.

is small and elegant—an autique Juno re duced from stately marble to a cameo. The skin-I almost slipped the "robe"-speaks of vitality and quick rushing blood; and dise's eyes are fiery, eager, and sincere Indeed, they are more chevaline than human and very beautiful and elequent. As to the Surfeited with the hollow pleasures of seasons spent at popular seaside resorts, covering not the warm monatony of the interior, the heat of the Sandwich Islands, nor the farigne of monatain rambles, several San Francisco ladies resolved this year to vary the usual routine by a flying trip to the north. The excursion proved a most enjoyable one, and one of the members of the party gave a specific provided the control of the incidents in an intersection.

Elise's birth was bourgeois, although he own intimate conviction is that it was ro-Sarange was lost three years ago. At this place the tide sets in on either side of the island opposite so powerfully as to cause a perfect eddy at times.

At this mantic and mysterious. She was brought up as an only daughter by the soap manufacturers to the Court of Vienna. Rilse always understood she owed them filial duty, but riect eddy at times.
"We reached Sitka two weeks from the time" she yearned for something nobler, and there her face in the large looking-glass that stood over the chimney-piece. She had a razor in her hand, and was about to use it on herself when she caught the reflection of my face in the glass. She stopped, turned pound, and background of mountains. The most razor, put if in my pocket, and placed the woman on the sofa. Ranford came into the room, half-drunk, half-mad, and scowled at the melike a densen.

"I exposulated and tried to reason with him, but he and a tried to reason with him, but he and y made me jeering replies, such and aspect is one of the most revolting and for good, to run off and join a company of for good, to run off and join a company of for good, to run off and join a company of for good, to run off and join a company of for good, to run off and join a company of for good, to run off and join a company of players, and, under a romantic mane, enplayers, and, under a romantic name, en-

On returning to the soap boiler's she found an assortment of young men of excellent family—a good deal higher than her own— and was directed to choose a husband in the lot. This did not fall in with her romantic ideas. She was only fifteen and a half, and craved for time to fall in love. The paternal flat was that she should wed first and love after. An accident, and her own wicked will aiding, enabled her to gain

her liberty.
She was taken to a circus to see a far-fame She was taken to a circus to see a far-famed troupe: her vocation then and there declared itself. Elise promised to be a good girl and marry in a year if her father sent her to a riding school. Her plan was toget the riding master to give her secretly circus drill. As soon as she was fit to appear in public she stole away, got down the Danube, and, landing for fean home, went in search. ing far from home, went in search of a roving troupe she heard was going to St. Petersburg. With it she made a round of Northern With it she made a round of Northern Europe, triumphing wherever she went, and never meeting with an accident, though in-sanely daring. On yearna the turst like a comet. Nobody scolded or tried to lock her up. The Empress had heard of her, and was prompt to befriend her. She at once took her under her wing, and got into the the way of calling her pretty endearing names. calling her pretty endearing names. A mother would not have been prouder of an all-con-quering daughter. "Elizabeth" and Elise are kindred spirits.

and agreed in loving dogs and horses and dehead, if he spould not hold on! At the same moment that I let go with my right, I heard his voice above me.

"'Kerr,' he said, are you guilty or not?'

"I asked him what he meant.

"'You know,' he answered. 'Confess that you have wronged me: speak the truth!

They are your last words. I have but to loose my grip and down you go!'

"I tried to seize his disengaged arm, but he held it much above my reach, and held."

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I the distribution of the savages waxing so great as to brave powder and shot."

"How did you like the climate?"

"We were very agreeably surprised, having so free with Elize. But her held it much above my reach, and held.

"I tried to seize his disengaged arm, but he held it much above my reach, and held."

Sitka seems far north to us, but is in reality.

gnineas. He was poisoned in Paris by a hating rival. Her Majesty, learning of his

Once upon a time there fived beside the Rhine a beautiful young lady. She had a lover who loved her and whom she loved in return. But after he had woosd her-not one year, but three-he asked her to marry him; and she, auxious to show her power, merely "I have waited three years," he said.

ut at your bidding I will wait one moreast one more," Then he went away and became a soldie and praise of his bravery filled the land; but the lady was piqued by the thought that he had been able to leave her even for a year, and when he returned she determine nish him, though all the while she loved im well. He knelt at her feet, took her hands in his

" Lady, I have come back to claim you for

Wait longer; a patient waitier is not a calmly. "If I do not lose, all is well."

Then he left her again. She had hoped that he would plead for her, and that she would be forced to change her mind; but how he was gone—gone for two long years. How she lived through them she could not tell; but they passed, and again her lover was before her I have waited patiently," was all he

The lady yearned to cast herself into his rms, but pride was strong within her. "Wait longer," she said.

"No," he answered. "This is the last ime. It I wait now, I will wait forever." At this she drew back haughtliy. "Then wait forever," she said, coldly. He left her without a word. And now her heart sank within her bosom. She we bitter tears and repented in dust and ash When a year had gone by, she could bear her woe no longer, and sent her little foot-page to her old lover, bidding him bear this

message: "Come back to me."

But the message the little foot-page brought
was just this: "Wait." Again she was left to her sorrow, and tw years glided by; then once more she bade he page ride over the mountains to her lover

castle.

"Tell him I am waiting," she said.

The page rode away and rode back, He stool before the lady, and dropped his cap, and repeated the message that had been given him: "The patient wife is not a "He is punishing me," thought the lady.

and for two years longer she remained in her castle. Her heart was breaking—her health failed—she knew death was near. 'Again she sent her cruel lover a message "Tell, him," she said, "that I am near my end, and that if I wait longer before I see him I shall wait forever."

The page returned and stood beside the his lady's chair. His eyes were full of tears; his head was bent upon his breast; he sighed, and hid his face in his plumed cap.

The lady lifted her wan face.
"Speak!" she said. "The message "Alas! sighed the page; "I would i rere a more tender one. "Whatever it may be, speak!" gasped the

lady, "The only message that I have," marked the page is, "wait forever."
"I am well paid in my own coin;" said the lady. "At last I have received all my owr answers back." In a little while she died, and they buried

her in the old churchyard, with a stone at her head and a stone at her feet. When spring came there was grass upon her grave, and there was also a new plant strange to those who looked upon it, a plant ith dark glossy leaves, that crept slowly

o wait foreyer. In this form she is creeping oward his castle slowly but surely. So she vill creep on until she reaches the heart she hrew away.' Generations have passed from earth. Th astle is a ruin, covered with ivy, and the

easants will tell you that it has crept there om the lady's grave, point by point, over stone and rock, through the grave-yard, and over gates and fences. You can trace it if you choose, they say, but you do not try. How an Indian Runs Down a Deer. When sufficiently near the hunter take is aim, and making a slight noise with hi oot on the ground, which causes the deer to urn toward him, has a good chance to hit it n the middle of the forehead. But if he misses the mark, or his gun misses fire, then the fun begins in earnest, and one of the finest races in the world can be witnessed a naked Indian and a frightened deer at full speed. If the deer should happen to be not ore than a year old, or older, a good run er will bring it down in a lew hours, or certainly withing fifty or sixty miles. (The narrator, Jose Mendivil, here insists that good runner among the Apaches can run 125 miles in twenty-four hours easily.) The deer starts at full speed, naking long leaps of from ten to thirty feet. At first glance he gains rapidly on the Indian, but the latter ollows, every now and then uttering frightfu yells, but never for a moment halting or losing the trail. The deer, when out of sight halts and looks back, but soon his pursuer comes in sight, when he bounds on with longer leaps than at first; finally he makes for water, a spring or stream, and when he gets there halts and drinks all he wants. Now there is no hope for him, for after he Irinks he cannot run so fast or leap so far Pretty soon the Indian comes in sight again, while the tired deer rests a moment, but the tired hunter never halts to drink, not if his month is as dry ashes, for by go doing he not only loses time, but cannot run so fast afterward. On he goes, nover resting, either on the hill or on the mountain. If the deer takes to the top of the higest mountain, right on his track the Apache follows. By and by the Indian sees a blood-stain on a rock, where the deer has stumbled and skinned his knee or struck his nose. He knows now the race will soon be ended, and runs faster than at first, while the deer loses ground every minute. When the deer sees the Apache close upon him be stops Sometimes, as soon as he stops he drops down fainting, or even dead from fatigue. It not dead already when the Indian seizes him by the head and hind legs, he makes but little resistance, and is despatched with the knife. The hunter now cuts out a fine est for fear of getting stiff, but puts the deer on his shoulders, or, if too heavy, a part of it, placing the rest in a secure place, and then trots back to his camp, having traveled perbaps a hundred miles without resting. The next day some one will take his back-track for the balance of the game.—S. F.

Chinese Nobility. One word about the age of the Chinese Empire. I am not going to bore my readers with any historical discussion, but I may just remark that not far from Chefoo, a port in the north of China, there is at this moment living a gentleman who can most in disputably trace back his ancestry to 549 years before Christ. He is the surviving lineal descendent of Confucius, and, as such, enjoys the only hereditary dukedom outside the royal family in the Empire. Without inquiring further as to Chinese antiquity t must, I think, be admitted that a country which boasts a Duke whose family goes back for 2,429 years—(and Confucius himself came of a good old family, beginning, I suppose, about the time of Noah) cannot exactly be looked upon as an upstart. The oldest English nobleman's family known cannot show a direct male descent of 800 years; though Welshmen, I believe, preserve pedigrees from Adam.— Temple Bar.

THE ROMANCE OF NIAGARA

Frequent Occurrence of Tragle Accidents-Two Memorable Ones. John Paul's very interesting letter from

Singara in a recent Tribune has doubtless given enjoyment to a number of readers. In it he sketches with dramatic force some of those tragedies whose recital adds a painful fascination to the grand scenery of the Falls. He traces the frequency of such accidents— numbering no fewer than seven last year— to the carelessness growing out of familiarity with the river above the rapids on the par recross daily, and to the great promoter of all manner of calamities—liquor—which, he says, is plentiful and cheap on the Canadian side. He describes, with striking effect, two accidents which occurred last summer—one at dents which occurred last summer one attributable to carelessuess and the other to intoxication—to illustrate his theory, and adds to these the story of a suicide to show adds to these the story of a suicide to show that all who meet death at Niagara do not go over the falls unwillingly.

More than twenty years ago Niagara wit-nessed a tragedy, which, while of a heart-rending character, was marked by an act of true heroism seldom equaled in grandeur. Mr. Charles Addington, a young man about Mr. Charles Addington, a young man about twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, was affianced to Miss De Forrest, both being residents of Buffalo. One day a happy party comprising Mrs. De Forrest, Miss De Forrest, a young daughter, Eva, a beautiful child five or six years old, and "Charley" Adding-ton, as his friends were accustomed to call him, visited the Falls. They crossed the bridge to Geat Laland, and while section bridge to Goat Island, and, while restin under the trees, little Evastrayed away from the group and, approaching the bank of the narrow but deep and swift stream that rushes between Goat Island and the small

island lying between it and the main American rapids, was amusing herself by easting sticks into the water and watching them as they were whirled swiftly away. Mrs. De Forrest, alarmed for her child's safety, requested alarmed for her child's safety, requested Charley Addington to go after her and bring her back. Charley at once proceeded to the bank, and, thinking to give the little one a fright, approached her stealthily from behind, and, catching her under her arms, held her over the stream. The startled child threw up her little arms over her head and instantly slipped through young Adding ton's hands and fell into the rapids. The realization of the horrible calamity must have come home to Addington's brain with the rapidity of the lightning's flash. He saw

that his rash act had cost the child's life-that only one desperate chance of saving her remained—that the world was at an end for him forever. Tearing off his coat he rushed along the bank until he had passed little Eva, who was kept affoat by her clothing, then plunging in ahead of her, he seized the child and desperately attempted to throw her up on the bank. As he made the effort he fell back into the rapids and was whirled over the small fall that intervenes between the American and Horse Shoe Falls. Little Eva struck the top of the bank, but all power had apparently gone from her and she rolled back into the strean and was hurried to her dreadful fate. The mother and sister stood powerless and paralyzed with horror while the tragedy, almost instantaneous in its action, passed before the eyes leaving its dark cloud hanging over all their future lives. Charley Addington had made a hero's attonement for his thoughtless and reckless are this father have a seal this father. net. His father-he was an only son-wa n the habit of visiting the Falls once a week for years after the tragedy, and would sit for hours gazing at the spot where his son and little Eva had met their deaths. He became well known at the Falls, and there were many who believed that he would one day voluntarily seek the same fate that his sor n his heroism had courted. But his sad pilgrimage had no such ending. An accident with very dramatic accompani

ments occurred some few years after the sad event that cost Charley Addington and Eva D. Forrest their lives. One morning, soon after daybreak, the early risers at the Falls discovered something moving an a huge old log or trunk of a tree which for years had shown itself above the boiling rapids on the American side, having been caught by and become firmly wedged into the rocks on its way toward the Falls. Looking downward from the bridge, this log was and still is in full sight, in the fiercest part of the rapids, considerably nearer to the small island on the American side of Goat Island than to the American shore. The moving object was soon found to be a man, and it was evident that his boat had been carried over the Falls during the night, while he himself had miraculously been cast against the log, by which toward death. Despatches were immediately sent to Buffalo, to the Coast Life Saving Sta-tion, and Capt. Dorr hastened to Niagara by a special train, carrying with him two metal lic life-boats; and plans to save the man were concerted. But, before the arrangements were completed, the news had been spread abroad and many thousands of persons had reached the Falls by special trains. Goat Island, the bridge, the American-shore, the roofs and windows of all adjacent buildings and the branches of trees were covered with anxious and horrified spectators. The first attempt at rescue was by means of a Francis metallic at rescue was by means of a Francis metallic life-boat, attached to a cable which was stacked off from the bridge opposite the log, and guided by side ropes. The boat had not got far from the bridge when the fierce rapids seized it, turned it round and round, and ap-peared to be endeavoring to crush in its sides. The strong cable snapped like a whip-cord, and the poor fellow who had been watch-ing the effort made for his rescue saw the boat whirled past him and carried over the Falls, as if in mockery of his would be reseners. Considerable time was then consu cuers. Considerable time was then consumed in deliberating on a new plan, and it was proposed to fasten a cable to some building on the American side, to carry it over to the island until it would sag near the log, and then to rescue the man by means of a basket hung on the cable by rings, and to be let down and pulled in by means of smaller ropes. The materials for this experiment could not be procured, so at last it was de-cided to send down a strongly constructed raft in the same manner as the life-boat had been lannehed, and if it reached the man in safety, to ease it over toward the small island, from whence his rescue would be comparatively easy. The raft was built, but it was 4 o'clock in the afternoon before all

was ready. The day had passed with-out the flight of time being heeded. The excitement was intense. Men and women, who had stood for hours without food, were painfully agitated. The raft moved. It withstood bravely the wild assaults of the angry rapids. It neared the log. The man stood up and waved his arms. The raft came within his reach, and he got on to it, eat the food, drank the small quanitty of weak brandy and water that had been put aboard. and fastened himself by the lashings which had been prepared, and the intent of which he understood. Then the raft was cautiously and steadily moved toward the island, with its steadily moved toward the island, with its precious freight. The people shouted, and many wept from over-wrought feeling. Suddenly the raft came to a stand. The rope was taut! It had caught in a rock. To attempt to force it was to risk its parting, and the fatal consequences could not he misunderstood. The poor victim seemed to take in the situation, and to grow desperate. He unfastened the lashings, stood up, made a spring from the raft in the direction of the island, and was in the feaming waters. Inspring from the raft in the direction of the island, and was in the feathing waters. Instantly he struck out for the island. He seemed to be a powerful swimmer, and thousands of men and women held their breath in horrified suspense. He appeared to near the island in his desperate efforts. Then arose the cry, "He's saved! he's saved!" But suddenly those on the bridge, who could see many distinctly from their beaution between see more distinctly from their location, be came aware that the space between the is land and the swimmer's head was gradually widening. There was another dreadful moment of suspense, and then the unpitying rapids seized their prey, and apparently making sport of the efforts that had been resorted to to snatch him from their grasp, twisted him round and whirled him along until they hurried him over the fearful pre-cipice. As the poor fellow went over a sin-gular effect was observable. The vast tody of failing water curves over the edge of the Falls like a hugo wheel, and as the body was shot forward by the force of the current it seemed to leap completely out a it took the terrible plunge. The death-like silence that had fallen on the crowd was broken by a fearful cry—a sound mingling a wail, a howl, and a shriek in one. Many strong men as well as women fainted. They had witnessed a tragedy more intense in its painfulness than any the drama could pre-sent, and one not likely to be seen forgotten.

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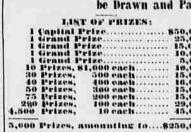
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